STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 99-495

August 19, 1999

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request for Approval of Affiliated Interest
Transaction with Union Water Power Company
For Transformer Vault Repairs

ORDER

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT, and DIAMOND Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

In this Order we approve an affiliated interest transaction between Central Maine Power Company (CMP) and its affiliate Union Water Power Company (Union) for transformer vault repairs for five specific transformer vaults.

II. BACKGROUND

On July 20, 1999, CMP filed a request for approval of an affiliated interest transaction with Union. CMP sought a protective order to cover bidding documents in support of its petition. The Hearing Examiner issued a Temporary Protective Order on July 23, 1999. CMP filed the information subject to the protective order on July 27, 1999.

CMP's petition reveals that CMP sought bids from four known vendors: R.J. Grondin & Sons, On Target Utility Services Construction Division of Union, John Lucas Tree Expert Co., Inc. and Shaw Brothers Construction, Inc. Only Lucas, Shaw Brothers and Union responded to the request for quotation. We approve the affiliated interest transaction based on the materials submitted by CMP indicating that Union submitted the lowest bid.

Accordingly, we

ORDER

That the arrangement between Central Maine Power Company and Union Water Power Company described in CMP's petition filed July 20, 1999, as supplemented by information filed on July 27, 1999 (confidential), is approved pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 707.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 19th day of August, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Dennis L. Keschl Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch

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